

These denials could be made citing U.S. law generically, without further clarification or amplification. Individuals who are denied visas due to the suspicion that they are intending to immigrate to the U.S. would still have to be informed that this is the basis, and they would then be allowed to compile additional information that may change that determination.

Under a provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act, a precise written justification, citing the specific provision of law, is required for every alien denied a U.S. visa. This requirement was inserted into the INA out of the belief that every non-American denied a U.S.-visa for any reason had the right to know the precise grounds under which the visa was denied, even if it was for terrorist activity, narcotics trafficking, or other illegal acts. This has impeded the willingness of law enforcement and intelligence agencies to share with the State Department the names of excludable aliens.

These agencies are logically concerned about revealing sources or compromising an investigation by submitting the names of people known to be terrorists or criminals—but who do not know that they are under investigation by U.S. officials—if that information is then revealed to a visa applicant, as current law requires. This is information the United States should be able to protect until a case is completed and, hopefully, law enforcement action is taken. But for the protection of the American people we should also make this information available to the Department of State to keep these individuals out of our country.

Mr. President, I again congratulate Chairman HATCH, and all of the other Senate conferees on this bill for their achievements in negotiations with the House. Obviously, there were some Senate provisions that had strong bipartisan support in this body that I regret could not be sustained in conference. But I urge my colleagues to concentrate on the very substantial and important achievements of this conference report, and I urge broad bipartisan support for its adoption.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. CHAFEE. I wonder if the Senator might yield for a question before the quorum call.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senator withhold his quorum call?

Mr. HATCH. Yes. I am happy to.

Mr. CHAFEE. I am a little confused why we do not vote on this motion right now. Everybody is familiar with the issue.

Mr. HATCH. I think we are but the majority leader asked me to put the quorum call.

Mr. CHAFEE. Could I safely say that, if things go right, we are going to vote in a very few minutes?

Mr. HATCH. I hope so. I think so.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the motion?

Mr. HATCH. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, what is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending business is the motion to recommit, by the Senator from Delaware.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I move to table the motion and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The absence of a quorum has been noted. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the consideration of the conference report to accompany the terrorist bill, the time on the conference report be limited to 20 minutes equally divided in the usual form, and all motions to recommit be limited to the following time restraints; that they be relevant in subject matter of the conference report or Senate- or House-passed bills and that they not be subject to amendments: 30 minutes equally divided in the usual form on each motion.

I further ask unanimous consent that following the disposition of all motions to recommit, if defeated or tabled, the Senate proceed to vote on adoption of the conference report, all without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the unanimous consent request? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is on agreeing to the motion to lay on the table the Biden motion to recommit.

The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK] are necessarily absent.

I further announce that the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI], is absent due to death in the family.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Alaska, [Mr. MURKOWSKI] would vote "yea."

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 46, as follows:

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[Rollcall Vote No. 62 Leg.]

YEAS—50

Abraham	Faircloth	Lugar
Ashcroft	Feingold	McCain
Bennett	Frist	McConnell
Bond	Gorton	Nickles
Brown	Gramm	Pressler
Burns	Grams	Roth
Campbell	Grassley	Santorum
Chafee	Gregg	Shelby
Coats	Hatch	Simpson
Cochran	Helms	Smith
Cohen	Hutchison	Snowe
Coverdell	Inhofe	Stevens
Craig	Jeffords	Thomas
D'Amato	Kassebaum	Thompson
DeWine	Kempthorne	Thurmond
Dole	Kyl	Warner
Domenici	Lott	

NAYS—46

Akaka	Ford	Mikulski
Baucus	Glenn	Moseley-Braun
Biden	Graham	Moynihan
Bingaman	Harkin	Nunn
Boxer	Heflin	Pell
Bradley	Hollings	Pryor
Breaux	Inouye	Reid
Bryan	Johnston	Robb
Bumpers	Kennedy	Rockefeller
Byrd	Kerrey	Sarbanes
Conrad	Kerry	Simon
Daschle	Kohl	Specter
Dodd	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Dorgan	Leahy	Wyden
Exon	Levin	
Feinstein	Lieberman	

NOT VOTING—4

Hatfield	Murkowski
Mack	Murray

So the motion to lay on the table the motion to recommit was agreed to.

Mr. HATCH. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. LOTT. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask that there now be a period for the transaction of routine morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is ordered.

NORDY HOFFMAN: A TRIBUTE

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I would like to pay my respects to a dear friend, F. Nordhoff Hoffman, who died on Friday, April 5, 1996. Nordy Hoffman was a truly good man. He was a big man with a big faith—faith in his church, faith in his beloved alma mater Notre Dame, faith in his wonderful family and, perhaps most importantly, faith in his fellow men and women.

In the early 1970's, I had the honor of serving as chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee while Nordy was the executive director. He was excellent in that capacity, as he was in all of the endeavors he undertook.

As Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Nordy showed his talents to their fullest. He